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What is claimed is:

1. A cord holder comprising:
  - a. a pouch;
  - b. a first opening at one end of the pouch;
  - 5 c. a second opening at the opposite end of the pouch; and
  - d. the pouch being shaped so that its width near the middle is wider than its width at either of the end openings.
2. The cord holder of claim 1, wherein the first opening is wider in diameter than the second opening.
- 10 3. A cord holder comprising:
  - a. a pouch;
  - b. an opening at one end of the pouch; and
  - c. the pouch being shaped so that its width near the middle is wider than its width at the ends.
- 15 4. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein a zipper runs longitudinally along at least one end of the pouch allowing that opening to be widened for easier insertion or removal of the cord.
5. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch is composed of cloth or canvas.
6. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch is made of flexible polyurethane.
- 20 7. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch is round in shape.
8. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch is elongated in shape.
9. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has means for closing the open ends.

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10. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has flaps at the ends that can be closed and held shut using velcro.
11. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has flaps at the ends that can be closed and held shut using snaps.
- 5 12. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has flaps at the ends that can be closed and held shut using zippers.
13. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has flaps at the ends that can be closed and held shut using buttons and buttonholes.
14. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has drawstrings at the ends that  
10 can be closed and held shut by pulling the drawstrings taut and securing them.
15. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has straps across the ends that can be secured across the end openings to prevent a cord from falling out.
16. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has snaps at both ends for closing the openings.
- 15 17. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has a zipper at the ends for closing the openings.
18. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has buttons and buttonholes for closing the openings.
19. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has a means for grasping for  
20 carrying.
20. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has a handle attached for ease in carrying.

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21. The cord holder of claim 20, wherein the handle is across at least one opening of the pouch.
22. The cord holder of claim 1, 2, or 3, wherein the pouch has means for hanging it on a nail, peg, or dowel.
- 5 23. The cord holder of claim 22, wherein the means for hanging is a hole in the pouch for hanging onto a nail, peg, or dowel.
24. The cord holder of claim 22, wherein the means for hanging is a loop on the pouch for hanging onto a nail, peg, or dowel.
25. The method of storing a cord using the apparatus of claim 1 or 2, comprising the steps of:
  - 10 a. coiling or bunching the cord;
  - b. inserting a hand through a first open end of the pouch into the pouch;
  - c. reaching through to the second open end of the pouch;
  - d. grasping and pulling the coil or bundle of cord through the second open end of the pouch into the pouch; and
  - 15 e. releasing the cord to allow it to expand inside the pouch.
26. The method of claim 25, further including the steps of:  
securing the cord by a means for closure of at least one of the ends of the pouch.
27. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a drawstring.
28. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a flap.
- 20 29. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a button and buttonhole.
30. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a snap.
31. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a strap with buckle.
32. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is a zipper.

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33. The method of claim 26, wherein the means for closure is velcro.